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Published monthly (since Nov. '77) as a National forum for Craft-Practitioner idea exchange AND interface between Craft and non-Craft persons having common interests or concerns, *THUNDERBOW* and contributing writers welcome letters from readers.

So.....what's on YOUR mind?

----The Editors----

Face of the Mother:

New Moon	4/08	11:10 pm	MST	Denver
1st 1/4	4/17	3:35 am	MST	Denver
Full Moon	4/24	5:50 am	MST	Denver
3rd 1/4	4/30	9:25 pm	MDST	Denver
New Moon	5/08	4:10 pm	MDST	Denver

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 2:00 a.m. 4/27

Planets & Balances -- MAY

All Month -- SATURN(Teachings/Learnings) & URANUS(Sudden Changes/"Flashes") Retrograde (Backwards) in Sagittarius(Willful Evaluations/Criticisms), NEPTUNE(Intuitions/Inspirations) Retrograde in Capricorn(Active Practicality/Materialism), & PLUTO(Spiritual-Level Understandings) Retrograde in Scorpio (Emotional Creativity).

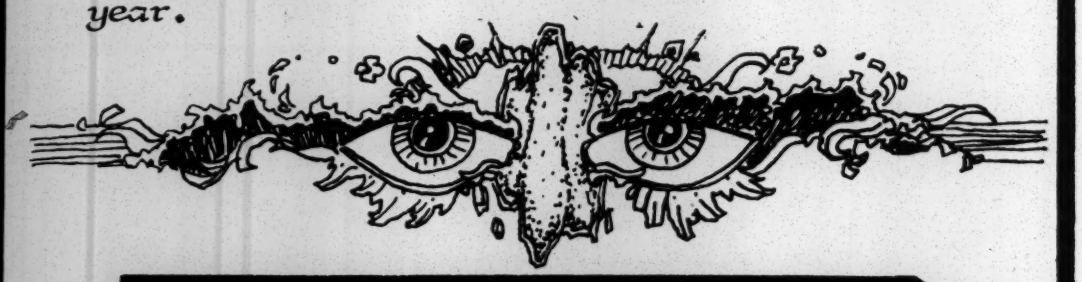
IN MAY, BEWARE OF MISTEACHINGS/MISLEARNINGS & DESTRUCTIVE STUBBORNESSES/UNEXPECTED CHANGES IN/ABOUT WILLFUL CRITICISMS,PLUS FALSE INSPIRATIONS/INTUITIONS ABOUT ACTIVE PRACTICALITIES AND DEEP-LEVEL(Spiritual) MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT EMOTIONAL CREATIVITY.

AIR(Thinking) low 'til 5/20,then average; FIRE(Willpower) high 'til 5/7, then average; WATER(Emotionalism) average all month; EARTH (Practicality & Materialism) high 'til 5/20, then average.

CREATIVE(Planning/Theorizing) average 'til 5/22, then very low; ACTIVE(Doingness) average 'til 5/7, then low; EVALUATIVE(Retrospect/Criticism) high 'til 5/20, then very high.

MODERATELY WELL-BALANCED 'TIL 5/20, THEN STRONG TENDENCIES TO AIRY CRITICISMS!!!

Devote careful attention to "sidestepping" the influences of the Retrograde Planets, and after 5/20, to avoiding getting "caught up" in theoretical criticalnesses. Otherwise, May should be one of the easier times this year.



HAPPENINGS:

Item: All reposts show Americans have gotten on the fiber bandwagon, consuming fiber as a preventive measure against cancer. Fiber is the tough cell wall found in most fruits and vegetables that gives them their shape, and is often processed out of grains to keep the product fine.

Item: The Strategic Air Command plans to fly B-1 bombers at less than 500 feet over the Navaho, Hopi and White Mountain Apache reservations in Arizona. Representatives of Arizona Indian tribes are unhappy with these plans, and have met with an Air Force team which came to explain these flights. The Air Force has indicated that the flights will be scheduled regardless of how the Indians feel.

Item: Ford Motor Company is trying to contain its employee health costs. Ford's total health care expense has gone from 68 million in 1965 to 780 million in 1985. This cost adds $275 to each vehicle compared to $22 in 1965.

Item: Congress approved a 1986 money bill for the Treasury Department and Postal Service that keeps the Tax exemptions for religious groups practicing witchcraft.

Item: Beta blockers, which are drugs used to control high blood pressure, can cause feelings of sickness and even severe depression in users. It's reported that patients using beta blockers were about 50% more likely also to be prescribed anti-depressant medication than other high blood pressure patients.

Item: Seven children backed by the National Taxpayers Union, filed suit against Treasury Secretary James Baker in federal court on behalf of 60 million American children under the age of 18, the suit claiming that deficit spending is unconstitutional because it denies minors equal protection under the laws by forcing them to pay their parents debts.

Item: The Federal Reserve Bank has lost $136 billion in U.S. currency. This amount represents 88% of the greenbacks that are supposed to be in circulation. Economists figure that about $18 billion is held by individuals over age 18, but that accounts for only 12% of the nearly $154 billion in cash that's assumed to be circulating.

Item: It appears that the suicide rate for the elderly is increasing - to over 18 per 100,000 in 1982, and over 19 per 100.000 in 1983 (the last year for available figures). This is for those over 65- and compares to about 12 per 100.000 for the general population. The highest rate is for elderly white men - 40.2.

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IN PASSING:

Including the sources of print, television, and radio media, we hear or see eighteen hundred (1800) commercial messages each day, from the telephone sales call, to billboards, to the logo on a book of matches.

LITERATES' CORNER:

WIGGANSNATCH--quarterly magazine with imaginative layout, most readable with emphasis on dreams, goddesses, tarot, personal transformation, all-media reviews, and although serious about its literary content, takes more than tongue-in-cheek humor and twists it well. $4 for 4 issues (32 cents tax in WA state) from *WIGGANSNATCH*, P.O. Box 20061 Seattle,WA 98102.

WIERD--quarterly magazine in mini-type (get out your magnifier) promoted by the Pittsburgh Pagan Alliance, containing assorted meditations, stories, reviews relating to magick and paganism. Conservative and thoughtful. $7 check or MO for one year from: *GOLDEN BROWN*, Box 624, Monroeville, PA 15146.

NAP TIME--letter-sized newsletter (Journal of the National Alliance of Pantheists) with much copy about N.A.P. (2nd issue). Non-members can get 2 free copies by contacting *NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PANTHEISTS*, P.O. Box 622, Farmington, Maine 04938. Suggest you go for the informational issue and one other and see for yourself!

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PROJECTS & GATHERINGS:

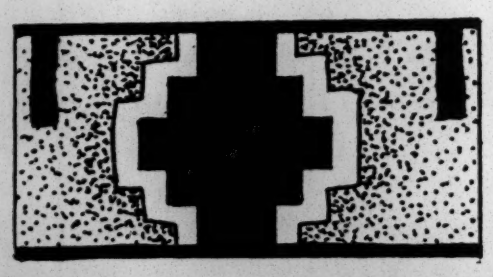
HARI SELDON CLUB: Explore and refine the principles and mechanics of small community development and progress. For more information, write c/o Paul Anderson, P.O.Box 80, Seely Lake, MT 59868.

FULL MOON GATHERINGS: Meditations, chanting, and discussions. Monthly, night of or night before full moon, at 7:00pm. Sponsored by the Creative Light Center (Rev. Dr. Tom Kennedy), 416 Walnut St., Louisville, CO 80027. For more information and/or exact location, call (303) 666-7215.

GAIA SYNTHESIS, April 18th-20th at the Hilton Harvest House in Boulder, CO: "A Conference to Advance Understanding of the Relationship of an Evolving Humanity to the Planet as a Living Organism." Lectures, panels, presentations, workshops, experimental events, and common ritual. There is an extensive schedule of presentations by persons well noted in their fields of study. The registration fee is $90.00. Sponsored by Boulder College and the World Peace University. For more information contact: Bob Gulick at (303) 796-9451, or Karin DiGiacomo at (303) 449-4676.

CAPITOL HILL PEOPLE'S FAIR (15th Annual), May 17th and 18th: Note: this is the first word of this year's event yet seen. More info. as it becomes available.

ELF-FEST '86 (3rd Annual), May 22nd-26th, near Bloomington, IL: Workshops, dance, ritual, etc., for beginning and advanced persons. Child-care provided. Pre-registration ends May 8th. For more information contact: Elf Lore Family, P.O.Box 1082, Bloomington,IL 47402.



NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL, May 30th-June 1st in Bloomington, IN: Spirituality Conference featured guests will be: Margot Adler, Starhawk, and Diane Stein. For information, registration, and application for workshop presentation, contact: Margaret Miholick, 5010 N. Winthrop, Indianapolis, IN 46205, or call (317) 283-2310.

PACIFIC CIRCLE IV (6th Annual), June 13th-15th at the Bandido Camp Ground, in the Angeles National Forest: The purpose of the gathering is the sharing of ideas, information, and love of the Lord and Lady. Practices, classes, workshops, and rituals are among the events scheduled. If you wish to receive a flyer, write to: Pacific Circle, P.O.Box 9513, North Hollywood, CA 91609.

GODDESS GATHERING (4th Annual), June 19th-22nd: The gathering will be held at Echo Hills Ski Resort; near Logan, OH. The *FIRST ANNUAL PAGAN GAMES*, for both adults and children, will also be held at the gathering. There will also be three evenings with full length cartoons for the children, by VCR, Thursday through Saturday. The movies: *The Sword & The Stone, Bedknobs and Broomsticks,* and *Fantasia*. Art show and auction, raffles, workshops, ritual, performances. For more information concerning demonstrations, workshops, etc. contact: Society Of Janus, P.O. Box 961, Elgin, IL 60121-0961. Postmark deadline of May 15,'86.

1986 INTERNATIONAL PAGAN SPIRIT GATHERING, June 17th-22nd, in Southwestern Wisconsin: Celebrations, rituals, nature meditations, workshopd, etc. For more information contact: CIRCLE, P.O.Box 219, Mount Horeb, WI 53572.

PROJECTS & GATHERINGS:

PAN PAGAN FESTIVAL(10th Annual), Aug. 7th-10th, in northwest Indiana. To celebrate, the council will offer the original registration rate of $5.00 to all who attended and were listed on the guest list for the 1977 festival. Electric hook-ups are available on site. There is a discount for registration before August 1st. For more information and for registration, contact; Midwest Pagan Council, c/o Temporary Registration Committee, 5088 Roosevelt Pl., Gary, In 46408, (219)980-0944; or P.O. Box 313, Matteson, IL 60443-0313,(312)748-8976. No collect calls please.

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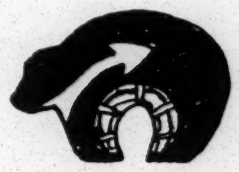

Ask the Old Man:

Question: What is likely to be the situation in America late April - early May?

Hexagram (Answer);

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	After Completion		Darkening of the Light	

Late April looks like a time when things will appear to be balanced and properly working; however, the balances can be easily disrupted. Caution must be exercised & thought taken about possible misfortunes, and one should act simply & avoid complex/elaborate displays, especially in religious matters.

Appearances of balance may give a false sense of security; be cautious & give thought to possible "surprises". Avoid complex or ostentatious activities, especially in Religious practices.

Early May looks like a time of difficulties and situation-deterioration requiring inner steadiness/perserverance and "keeping a low profile", especially in matters of community position and leadership.

Be prepared to endure difficulties and "set-backs" in your "projects", and avoid calling attention to yourself socially.

THE KEYNOTE OF THIS ENTIRE PERIOD WOULD SEEM TO BE A LINE FROM THE #63 "Judgement": "At the beginning good fortune; at the end disorder."

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STAR-STUDIES:

Uranian Peculiarities

Jan. 24, 1986, *Voyager 2* photographed Miranda, Uranus' smallest moon, from a distance of 17,000 miles, the photos detailing features as small as 700 yards in diameter and showing unexplainedly varied and distinctively separated regions adjacent each other but showing abrupt and clear division-boundaries. If the features of one area were created by violent earthquake as speculated, how come immediately adjacent areas were apparently unaffected by these?

And Ariel, 4th-largest of the 15 Uranian moons, shows unusual linear-patterns of probably-fault-created valleys cross-connected by others in extremely unusual ways.

It has been observed that geological activity on the moons increases with closer proximity to Uranus, and that horizontal upper-atmosphere winds on the Planet also blow strongly in the vertical in some areas.

And the brightest of Uranus' debris-rings is made up of boulders approximately the size of trash-cans.

The week of March 10, the Soviet Union launched the first crew for their *Mir* space-station. Astronauts Leonid Kizim & Vladimir Solovyev are preparing the station for long-term occupancy and expansion, the station eventually comprising more than six modules, with special spaces for experiments in biology, astronomy, and other sciences. The station itself was launched February 19.

-- *Urania* --

SHIFTS & CHANGES:

WARRIOR LORD CAMULUS & Carl L. Williams (editor) have a new address-- 120 North Blvd., Clinton, NC-28328; AND *WARRIOR LORD* will not be printed until new arrangements are made, the $500 made to date has been banked for future use in purchasing land for the proposed National Wiccan Council.

EARTHSONG, P.O. Box 5628, Baltimore, MD-21210, has changed their publishing & deadline schedule to the following:
Summer Issue -- April (March 1 deadline)
Autumn Issue -- July (June 1 deadline)
Winter Issue -- Oct. (Sept. 1 deadline)
Spring Issue -- Jan. (Dec. 1 deadline)

From the Folks in New Bern -- RICHMOND BELTANE BASH CANCELLED!!!! The Unity Seminar sponsored by the Church & School of Wicca (Gavin & Yvonne Frost) has been rescheduled for October 31, at the Washington DC Convention Center!!! For more information, write: *Survival*, P.O. Box 1502, New Bern, NC - 28560.

CHILDREN OF THE EARTH is with us again after their long absence (Lammas, '84)!!! Publication as sufficient material for-about-by Pagan parents & children is received by Hestia. Submissions &/or subscription-enquiries again to *Children of the Earth*, P.O. Box 417, Keyser, WV-26726.

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Practitioner's Notes:

Down To Earth Medicine

Augusto Ruschi is feeling better after a period of treatment by two witch doctors from the Txukarramae tribe, of Brazil, to extract poison from a jungle toad. Augusto told of feeling better and stronger, as a result of the use of smoke from cigars made from a jungle leaf called petan, and procedures to remove the poison from his stomach.

A friend of Ruschi's, who was allowed to witness and photograph the treatments, reported that the witch doctors had removed a foul smelling, greasy substance from Augusto's stomach.

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BY SPECIAL REQUEST:

TECHNICIANS OF THE SACRED is a Neo-African organization dedicated to the research, preservation, and practice of Voudoun and other Neo-African religious systems. They are now in the formative stage. They hope to be a link to help bring together the Neo-African religious community, and individuals of various paths. They will publish a newsletter called *SOCIETE*, on an occasional basis. There will also be a mail order service which will offer books for sale on Neo-African religions. They request that practitioners, researchers, and others to send in articles for publication in the newsletter. Networking services will be offered to those who request it, and to help build a stronger community. For more information write to: Technicians Of The Sacred, P.O. Box 654, Salem, OR 97308.

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AMERICAN LACNUNGA:

A woman who believes that a CAT scan caused her to lose her psychic abilities, was awarded over one million dollars by a jury in Philadelphia. Judith Richardson Haimes had filed a lawsuit against Temple University Hospital, because the staff of the hospital had run the scan despite being told, by Judith, of an allergy to the dye used for the scan.

The CAT scan left her with headaches whenever she attempted to concentrate to use her psychic talents. This was in addition to the nausea, breathing difficulties, and being unable to control her eyes that began shortly after the scan was started. The result was that Judith was unable to earn her living using her psychic abilities.

A lawyer for the hospital said that the award would be appealed to a higher court.

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LET'S TALK RUNES:

Of cycles we are told,
Shown by runes forever old.
Of the ways of day and night,
Of the ways of darkness and light.
Cycles of thought and emotion,
Cycles of spirit and things.
Yet all of the meanings,
Might never be told.
But they are shown by runes,
Fashioned as those of old.

The runes of the Vikings were grouped into three aettir of eight runes each. The aettir have become known as Freyr's eight, Hagal's eight. and Tyr's eight. One rune from each of the eights will be outlined in this and following columns.

(ᚢ) Uruz from Freyr's eight, is a rune for strength. Oxen or bulls are used as an example of this rune. The human conditions of manhood or womanhood, not by gender emphasis, but of self examination. This rune is an indicator of the commitment or strength of a person's own self.

(ᛉ) Algiz, from Hagal's eight, is a rune of protection. This kind of protection is brought about by the practice of emotional control, temperance, courtesy, and awareness of or for opportunity. It is an indicator of pre-meditated or carefully thought out ways of addressing those matters of personal concern.

(ᛏ) Tiewaz, from Tyr's eight, is a rune for the influences of a responsible warrior. The awareness of situations, and the examination of circumstances. This rune is an indicator of patience, perseverance, confidence, and courage.

If any of the runes is cast upside down, or reversed. the interpretation is more than a simple reversal of meanings. This is a warning, or advisement, about negative situations or influences. Another interpretation is the lack of a certain influence, rather than a reversed or opposite meaning. Ansuz (ᚨ) upright is for favorable signals, or communication. Reversed could be either unfavorable signals, miscommunication, or no signals at all.

From beings of war, humanity, and peace comes an example of the cycles and meanings of the runes. Each rune even its position have a symbolic interpretation. Yet there are occasions when it becomes as simple as runeside up or runeside down. in the palm of your hand. Which rune was it? ᛏᛉᚨ

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VOICE OF THE TURTLE:

What Are We Attempting?

In recent times there has been increasing activity by all sorts of people attempting to be Traditional Wiccan (European Ways), Native American Practitioners (Pre-Conquest North America), and/or Eastern Mystics (Buddhist, Yogic, etc.).

In the majority of cases, the focus has been on recovering and using the Rites & Rituals from those systems as used by the originators, and without regard for OUR circumstances Here and Now.

We are NOT Pre-Christian Europeans, nor Pre-Conquest Native Americans, nor Asians, nor Hindi!!!

We ARE, by & large, Late-20th Century American Urbanites, with all the socio-cultural conditionings, experiences, & misunderstandings that that entails.

What this means as a Practical matter relative the Traditional Rites & Practices of the Old Systems referred to above is that while we will certainly get Effects from using Such, we will NOT get the Effects the "Traditional" of Those Systems got!!!

What we must do--and with Great Care & Caution--is to understand how the Old Rites & Rituals got the Effects (and EXACTLY what those Effects in fact were!!!) they did for Those People in Those Times & Places.

THEN--We must (again with Great Care & Caution!!!) undertake development of BOTH Modified Traditional Practices In New Practices that will give US (as Late-20th Century American Urbanites!!!) in These Times & This Place the Traditional Effects.

HOWEVER--In NO case, can We BECOME Those People!!! And we only waste our valuable Time & Energy if we act on a Premise that we can do such.

I Have Said It!
Kahōtē

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Observation:

"Accepting misery as 'normal' and understanding as 'abnormal' is a widespread insanity. It is, at the least, the wrong way to live."

-- Geoffry Filbert --

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HEALTH OF MIND AND BODY:

Tiffany Field. a psychologist at the University of Miami Medical School reports that premature babies given massage and limb movement treatment gained more weight, were more active, and showed more alertness than those babies who were not stimulated. The stumulated babies were quick to respond to new stimulus and showed a "healthy range of emotions and behaviors." The treated babies were also able to leave the hospital 6 days earlier than the untreated group.

The follow-up study 8 months later indicated that the stimulated babies were longer, heavier, and had larger heads. These babies also had fewer neurological problems than their untreated counterparts.

According to psychologist David H. Barlow of the State University of New York at Albany, some people should not try to relax. He indicated that certain people actually suffer panic attacks while attempting relaxation techniques. Apparently, these people associate relaxation with a loss of control, causing anxiety which quickly leads to panic. After repeated practice and supervision, however, most anxiety-stricken patients learned to control the attacks.

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AMERICAN LACNUNGA:

Scientists working with Monsanto Co. have disclosed that plants genetically engineered to resist tobacco mosaic virus, may be grown within three years. This virus attacks not only tobacco, but plants in the potato family (e.g., peppers and tomatoes) as well. Past methods to resist the virus were transplanting and cross-breeding with plants that are more resistant of the virus.

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Seven Arrows' Doings:

I think you should all know that thanks to Jason, Church Of Seven Arrows now has a '74 Ford Club-Cab with camper-shell to assist with the logistics of outdoor "projects" and such. We're still getting a few "loose ends" (like new tires) wrapped up, but it will be fully functional very soon, and should solve some problems for us.

Beginnings & Endings-- Terri, David, & Dee received their Intermediate Shamanism certificates & Ministerial credentials, and Dee additionally received her Ritual Operator's certificate, at the March New Moon, with Lou returning to "guest-operate" with Fred.

The next Basic Magic series will be taught by Dee & Fred, with Danny probably doing the "make-ups" as he has been the last couple of months with the Sunday, Monday, & Wednesday classes (taking much of a load "off George's back"). The class will probably begin in April--call for information (424-3304).

Assorted & Sundry--If all goes as anticipated we may have an Outdoor-Ritual area located for use this Summer within 1/2-hour of Denver. If you're encountering unusual "snags" in Intimate Relationships, it's happening all over (according to our comm-lines) and is seemingly part of World Change wherein we're being forced to re-examine our values & approaches to Intimate Relationships.

Note: Any "dream-state" or "astral" apparitions of George as pictured in the March *Denver Magazine* should be treated as "Shoot on Sight!"--they won't actually be George!!!

"Keep your Psycho-Spiritual seat-belts fastened!"

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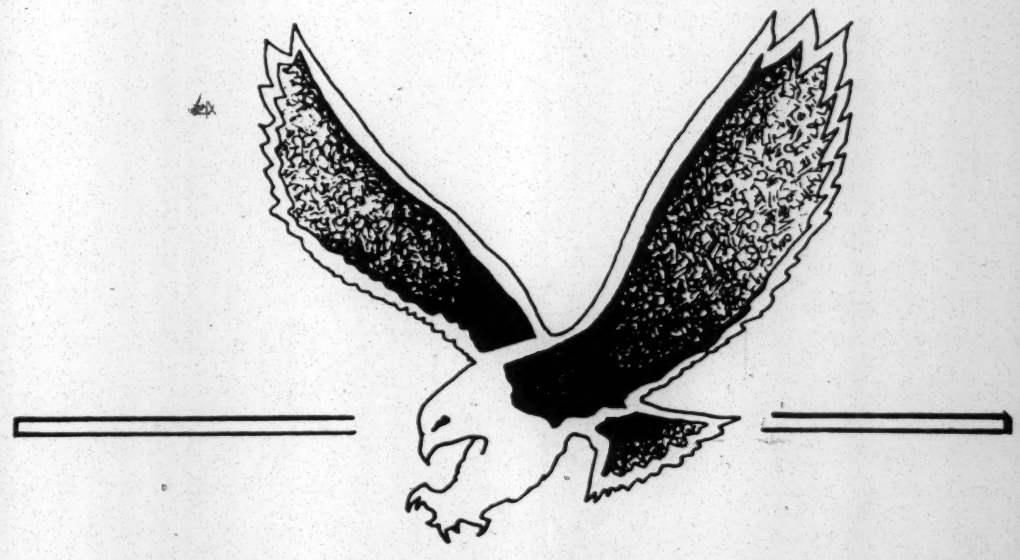

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